

5. My Government has formulated a new and innovative agricultural policy ensure comprehensive and integrated development of the agriculture sector and bring prosperity to the farming community. This is being implemented with utmost earnestness and a Cabinet Sub-Committee has been entrusted with the responsibility of overseeing and ensuring its timely and effective implementation.
6. My Government intends to provide a sharper focus to the development of rainfed agriculture on a watershed basis. With this in view, we shall be launching a special watershed development programme each revenue division of the State. This will be in addition to the new watershed development programme funded by the Swiss Government, which has already been taken up in five other districts. It shall also be our endeavour to set up a national-level institute for watershed management in the State.
7. We are proposing to set up two hi-tech agricultural parks in the State to encourage adoption of modern technology in agriculture and horticulture. Krishi Prashasti will be extended to cover farmers growing horticultural crops as well so as to recognise the contribution made by outstanding horticulturists in Karnataka.
8. Credit is a very important component of the agricultural production programme of the State. Members are aware that as a reaction to the interest waiver schemem announced by the Government, Nabard stopped re-finance facilities to our co-operative bankas from 1-1-1995. However, I am happy to record that the issue has since been resolved leading to the restoration of the requisite credit flows from Nabard.
(ಈ ಹಂತದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ವಾಟಾಳ್ ನಾಗರಾಜ್‌ರವರು ಕಷ್ಟ ಬಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾ ಸಭಾತ್ಯಾಗ ಮಾಡಿದರು).
9. My Government is making all-out efforts to implement the Upper Krishna Project by 2000 A.D, So as to fully protect the interests of Karnataka in this inter State river. Funds required for the project are being mobilized mainly through the Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam. The Jala Nigam has already succeeded in raising Rs. 180 crores by private placement. A second tranche of funds amounting to Rs. 250 crores is proposed to be raised by the Nigam very shortly through a public issue. To accelerate the process of rehabilitation and re-settlement, a senior officer has been posted at Bagalkot as Commissioner and delegated with the powers of the Revenue Secretary.
10. In the matter of Couvery water dispute, I am happy to inform the Members that a major break through has been achieved due to the sustatined efforts of my Government and the united stand taken by political parties of the